

BIOLOGY UNIT JOURNAL INDEX**Jack R. Congrove, BU1424**

I am currently editing an index for Volumes 1 through 61 of the Biology Unit journal for publication later this year. The first publication was a notice to members from Homer Jones dated 22 May 1951, listing seven members. On 13 June 1951, Jones published a second newsletter titled *Leaves and Petals: Newsheet of the Biological Unit of the American Topical Association*, to update the unit members. The next edition on 15 July 1951 was titled *Philatelic Leaves and Petals*, and this monthly newsletter continued until 15 November 1951, when the name changed again to *Biological Tid-Bits*, in order to encompass the entire biological spectrum.

In August 1956, the name of the newsletter was shortened to *Biology Tid-Bits*. In 1960, the Biology Unit changed the name of the journal to *Bio-Philately*, in order to reflect the philatelic aspect of the publication. In 1986, the name changed again to its current *Biophilately*. As I have perused the articles in the various editions, I have been impressed by the variety of our topic.

In addition to cataloging the titles and subject of the articles, I have been attempting to also credit the authors. It is interesting to note that although our study unit has hundreds of members, fewer than ten at any given time seem to contribute any articles. Surely our other members have interesting stories or views they could share with the community.

Another thing that affected me as I read these past articles was the connection I felt to the authors. When through the years, as members passed on and In Memoriam notices appeared in the journal, I felt as if I had experienced a personal loss myself because of these connections made through the articles these authors had written and I had read. This was all the more interesting since I had never actually met any of these people in person.

Regarding this project, it appears that our library has several gaps in its holdings of early issues. I hope there are some members who can help in this area by loaning copies of editions that are missing. I have listed the volumes and editions that I need below. If you have one (or more) of these, and can let me borrow it, please contact me by e-mail or letter at the addresses on the inside cover.

Vol. 2, No. 9 (February 1953)

Vol. 3, (all 12 monthly editions) (May 1953–April 1954)

Vol. 4, Nos. 1 through 6 (May–December 1954)

Vol. 5, (all 12 monthly editions) July 1955–June 1956

Vol. 6, (all six bi-monthly editions) July 1956–June 1957

Vol. 7, (all six bi-monthly editions) July 1957–June 1958

Vol. 8, (all six bi-monthly editions) July 1958–July 1959